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- 1. DEPT AND USIA APPRECIATE UPDATE ON CULTURAL PLAN, AND SHARE DISAPPOINTMENT OVER REJECTION PHIL ARTE PERFORMANCES THIS YEAR.
- 2. WE WONDER WHAT BETTIN EXPECTS IN ANNOUNCING PROPOSAL TO SEND MENDELSSOHN STRING QUARTET TO U.S. HIS PROPOSAL APPEARS TO INTRODUCE ELEMENT OF RECIPROCITY IN EXCHANGE OF PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS WHICH WE WOULD DISCOURAGE. TERMS CITED IN PARA 2, BERLIN 6372, ARE NOT ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE FOR EITHER FACILITATIVE SUPPORT OR FULLY SPONSORED AMERICAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. WITH IMMINENT END OF FY 1977, NEED TO KNOW BY AUG 15 IF EITHER STRAND OR REFLECTIONS WILL BE SHOWN IN GDR BEFORE SEPT 30.

4. ADVISE RESULTS TALKS WITH GRONICH ON AMERICAN FILM RETROSPECTIVE AND PROSPECTS FOR THIS EVENT THIS FALL. HAVE

FIRM DATES BEEN ESTABLISHED?

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON WHETHER THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND THE INDUSTRIAL DESIGN EXHIBIT POSTPONEMENT ARE RELATED. DO THESE INDICATE ANY CHANGE IN GDR ATTITUDE TOWARDS CULTURAL PLAN? VANCE

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